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Donate lunch money for Ethiopian hungry

The Student Administrative Council is asking Niagara College students to give up their lunch this Thursday and donate their money and spare time to help the starving people in Ethiopia.

SAC needs about 30 volunteers to accept donations for the Canadian Save the Children Fund (Cansave) and sell Christmas cards durning the Nov. 29 double-lunch hours. SAC will provide a table in the foyer near the SAC office where students can make donations.

"We're pleading to the students and teachers to find it in their hearts and dig into their pockets and give anything they can," Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, said. "Volunteering requires very little time, about one or two periods during lunch."

SAC is sponsoring a Cansave presentation, The Ethiopia Action Plan: It Can Be Done, in the Hamilton Room Nov. 29 at 12:30 p.m. The presentation, which is open to everyone in the community, will feature a visual presentation and speakers from Cansave.

SAC will sell Cansave Christmas cards designed by Canadian artist for $4. Half of the proceeds will be donated to the Ethiopian Action Plan, Susan said.

The Canadian Save the Children Fund has an on-going volunteer fund-raising activity called the Penny Appeal campaign which starts in December. Cansave was given permission to place coin capsules in Brewers Retail and LCBO outlets across Ontario.

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Volunteers place the capsules beside the cash register in their towns at the beginning of December, replace them when necessary and pick them up at the end of December.

Students who want to volunteer their time and sell Christmas cards or participate in the Penny Appeal are asked to leave their names and phone numbers in the SAC office or contact Susan Maracle.

We're all back

The strike of 7,600 Ontario community college instructors, including 275 at Niagara College, was ended by back-to-work legislation Nov. 9. The strike began Oct. 17.

The legislation was brought in by Dr. Bette Stephenson, minister of colleges and universities, after the instructors' union, the Ontario Public Service Employees Union, and the Council of Regents which oversees administration of the 22 colleges, could not reach agreement on a new contract. The strike kept 120,000 full-time day students and about 600,000 part-time students from classes.

The major stumbling block in the contract discussion was a union demand for a decreased workload for instructors. An arbitrator was appointed by the legislation to bring in settlements on all contract issues, except the workload, within 60 days. Passage of the legislation was delayed an additional day in the legislature by members of the New Democratic Party.

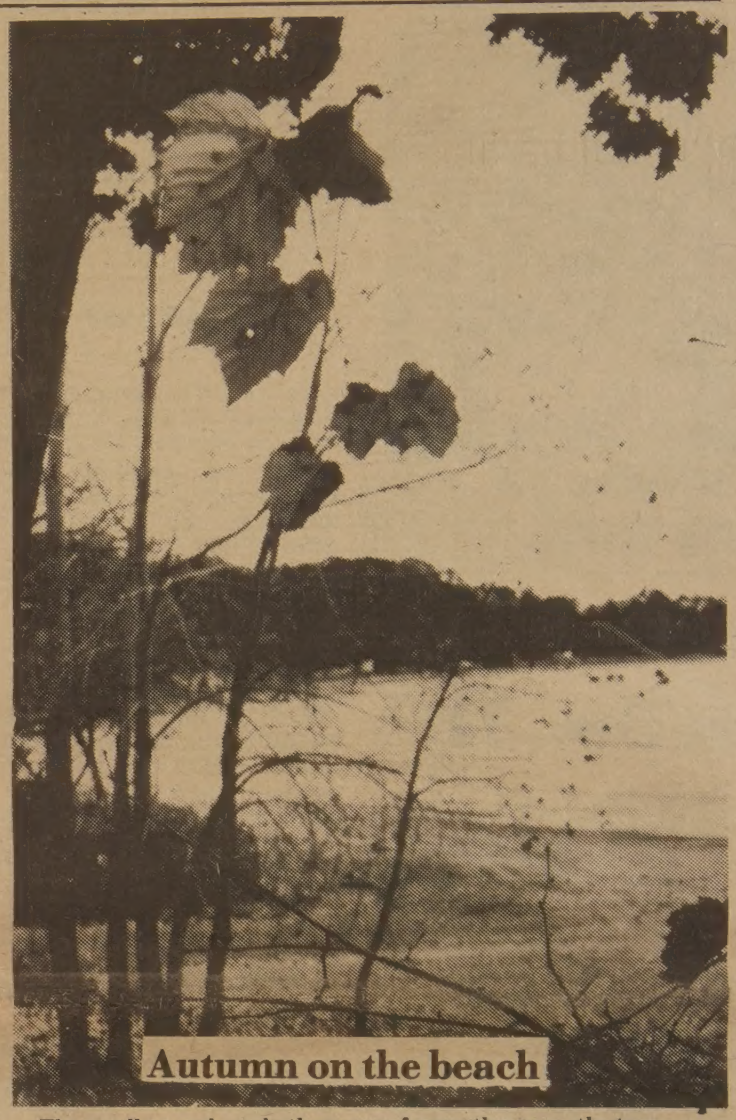
Niagara College faculty spent Nov. 12 in a variety of meetings; full-time day classes resumed the next day. Continuing education classes began on Monday night.

Weekly dinners to be held at Rainbow Hotel Centre

The Rainbow Hotel Centre is accepting dinner reservations for Wednesday and Thursday evenings commencing this week.

Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. at a cost of $8 per person including tax.

If you are interested in making a reservation, or would like more information regarding the day's menu, phone Marilyn Beckett at 354-1663.



Autumn on the beach

The revellers and sun bathers gone for another year, the tranquillity of an autumn beach along the shores of Lake Erie in Port Colborne will soon be dispelled by the wrath of Old Man Winter. Lovers of the sea and sand may want to remember the words of Rod McKuen in his poem, May 24:

Spring will chase us
through summer into fall

and find us beached upon some
snowy shore
waiting for the spring to come
again.

Then gingerly we'll go through
jonquils
to seek out summers.

Birthday to birthday
season to season,
every hour will be an anniversary
of the hour just past.

Photo by Joan Cavanagh

Hort centre to receive annual orchid display

The Niagara College horticultural division has been selected as the permanent site of the Niagara Regional Orchid Society's annual show.

Peter Mansfield, horticultural co-ordinator, called the decision,"a tremendous coup" for Niagara College..

Nearly $20,000 in display plants alone were shown. Prices for the orchids ranged from $10 to as much as $500. Several thousand plants were brought in for the show.

The show was held Nov. 10 and 11 at the centre in St. Catharines. The Niagara chapter played host to societies from around the United States and Canada with entries from as far away as Minnesota, Detroit, Rochester , Ottawa and Montreal.

The main reason the horticultural division was chosen is because it provides a large area for display of plants and parking space. The centre is also close to the QEW and centrally located for people showing the orchids.

The show was opened by Jacqueline Robarts, college president.

GREAT SUCCESS

Leslie Melbye, president of the Orchid Society, said the show went splendidly."Everything was very smooth and we're very pleased with the outcome of the show."

In previous years the show has been held at the O'Keefe Centre in Toronto, the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton and the School of Horticulture in Niagara Falls.

Mr.Mansfield said the show rivalled the school's own Open House. "The crowds were pretty good on Saturday and on Sunday there were people wall to wall. The Orchid Society was very pleased with the turnout."

130 fewer classes in day

By SANDRA LOCKHART
Staff Writer

One hundred and thirty full-time students chose not to return to Niagara College after the strike. They took advantage of a tuition refund offered by education minister Bette Stephenson.

John Parrett, registrar, said the college has "never had that many"drop out by this point in the year before. He compared 107 in the first week after the strike to 90 in the first. six weeks of school.

The students withdrawing are "well spread out among the courses," Mr. Parrett said.

"The reasons stated for withdrawl are financial or full-time jobs," Mr. Parrett said. Some students had a chance to really think about their programs.

OTHER PLANS

Some students have decided to attend semestered high schools for Grade 13 in January instead of returning to Niagara. Others have decided to attend Brock in January or have full-time jobs. "Some say they'll be back next year," Mr. Parrett said.

One third year student did not return because he got a job in his field. "A piece of paper wasn't that important to him," Mr. Parrett said.

Usually a large number of students leave at Christmas because they fail or decide they do not like their course. "The effect of the strike will not be determined until after Christmas," Mr. Parrett said. "Will the failure rate be lower?"

More students may be withdrawing to take advantage of the refund policy. The usual policy gives a student 10 days after the beginning of the school term to receive a refund.

NOT FINAL

Bette Stephenson said on television that students may receive a full refund on their tuition. The college has not started refunding money. The policy is "not absolutely finalized yet," Mr. Parrett said.

Usually 25 or 30 students withdraw just before the date when they will be penalized academically. The last day to withdraw from a course or program without academic penalty has been changed from Nov.5 to Nov. 29 for most programs.

The fee refund deadline has not been exactly determined but it will be near the end of the month.

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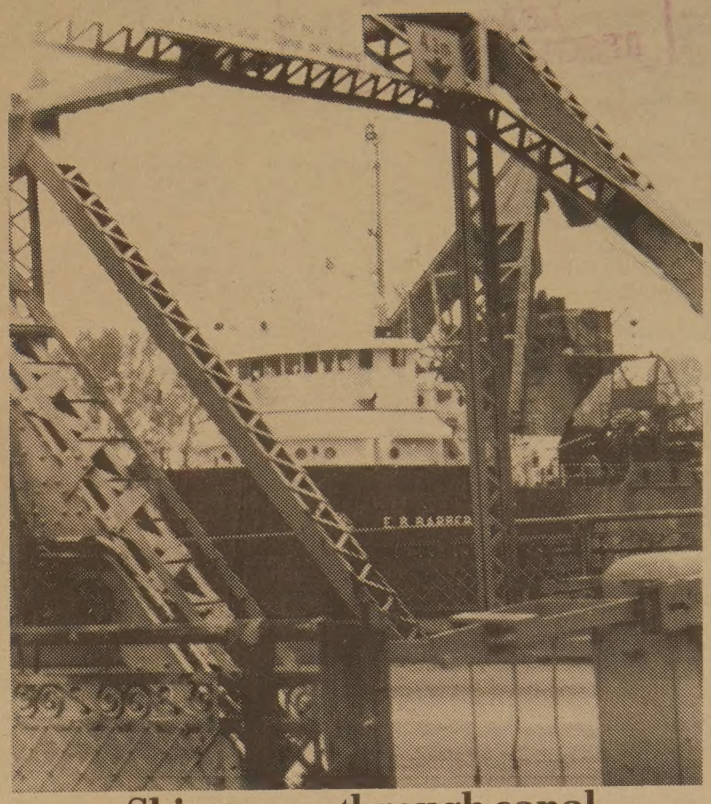
OUR OWN BAG LADY

A Niagara College instructor spent a weekend living in Toronto as a bag lady. See pg. 3

KNIGHTS WIN15-0

The Hockey Knights defeated the State University of New York at Binghampton, N.Y., 15-0 to move into a first place tie. See sports pg. 10.



Ship passes through canal at Allanburg Bridge

Welland Canal to close for winter on Dec. 31

. The Welland Canal will close its locks Dec. 30 at 8 a.m. this year, the St. Lawrence Seaway Authority said. Most companies have almost met their commitments and are starting to stockpile iron ore, coal and wheat.

"The three months of winter are used for maintenance, such as changing equipment on bridges and replacing concrete in structures," Melcom Campbell, a spokesman for the commission , said.

The closure will give college school buses and other traffic freedom from daily stops along the canal route.

The college buses are stopped on the average of five times a week by the vessels passing through the canal, but the delay seldom causes students to be late for classes.

MISS SHIPS

Most students say they will miss watching the ships and their waving crewmen, while others will be pleased to see the canal close.

"I'll be happy to see the boats stop as the loss time takes away my morning coffee break before class," Heather Whiteley, first-year interior design student, said.

"When the canal is closed I will rejoice," Lorraine Johnson, first-year library technician student, said. "After we arrive in Niagara Falls, I have two city buses to catch. If I miss my connections I can't get home until 6:45 p.m.," she said.

The locks were scheduled to stay open until Jan. 15 last season but bad weather forced them to close at the end of December.

Bomb threat is a hoax

Students' first day back at Niagara College was disrupted by a potentially "dangerous prank" on Nov. 13. An unknown person was responsible.

Students were cleared from the Welland and Welland Vale campuses under the guise of a fire drill after a bomb threat was received. It is not known which campus the threat was meant for.

The threat was phoned into the St. Catharines Standard at 9:22 of that morning.

Jack Spittle, director of property and plant, devised the plan to search the college and to clear it if necessary.

The fire department was alerted to the situation and was standing by if needed, Mr. Spittle said. The college's alarm system is hooked into the fire station.. Three Niagara Regional Police constables were at the college to help.

It could not be determined whether it was a man or a woman. Niagara Regional Police alerted college officials. A search turned up nothing.

Mr. Spittle recalled that the college had been threatened before. Some years ago a series of four or five calls were received, he said.

Pinnochio to return in time for Christmas

By SHIRLEY LEREVEREND
Staff Writer

Two scampering mice will open a story-book and from the pages will step Geppetto, an old wood carver; a crafty fox with his sidekick, a cat; and "the prettiest good fairy on this earth."

Diane Nyland-Proctor, guest director for the Niagara College Theatre Centre production of Pinnochio, wants the musical play to be "a complete story-book fantasy" for children at Christmastime.

Christmas

Ms. Nyland-Proctor added two characters, the mice, to the Pinnochio script. They will sprinkle "snow" over the stage, move scenery and turn winter into spring by tying leaves onto a make-believe tree.

While the mice do not have any dialogue in the play, they have important roles to play. As well as acting as stage hands, they will "add punctuation" to the production by joining in the action.

This is the first time Ms. Nyland-Proctor has directed at the Centre. She is on the school advisory committee and said, "This is a nice way to see the school in action — by lending a real hand as well as a supportive one."

She asked for "almost a cartoon version" of the classic fairy tale for this production, and worked closely with set designer Terry Nicholls and costume supervisor Joan Davies to develop the concept.

The pages of the giant book Mr. Nicholls has designed for the set will turn, and the characters emerge from the pages. He has designed a Pinnochio logo for the book cover and for the proscenium arch over the stage.

"Sewing is just one part of making costumes," Mrs. Davies said. Some fabric will be painted and dyed for a more natural look, but the good fairy, all in blue, must look ethereal.

The makeup crew, supervised by Cindy Emery, has interesting special effects to create. Pinnochio's nose must grow longer each time he tells a lie. He tells three lies in the story and his nose grows longer, and longer, and longer.Pinnochio also grows donkey ears seven inches long.

Giant book

A movie cartoon version of Pinnochio was produced some years ago by Walt Disney Studios. The Theatre Centre production has different music and Christopher, not Jiminy Cricket.

The story-book opens on Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Theatre Centre.

Dental clinic being held by students

Although today's economy does not leave many people smiling, inexpensive and even free clinical services offered by aspiring dental assistants and hygiene students at Niagara College might.

Beginning two weeks before Christmas and running through the second week of January, dental assistant students will be operating a clinic with the help of licensed dentists from the surrounding area.

This service will offer routine treatment and fillings to anybody interested, including the general public, at a minimal fee covering the cost of materials.

Free clinic

While the dental assistants are busy with their patients, dental hygiene students will be conducting a free clinic which will include services such as examinations, x-rays, and fluoride treatment. This clinic, supervised by licensed dentists and hygienists, is a continuing operation primarily working with children before Christmas and with adults beginning in January.

For information and appointments contact the dental clinic, third floor, Simcoe building, at the main campus in Welland, or call extension 760.

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Demoe nets crown sporting perfect record

Niagara College breezed to two first place and one second place finishes in the Ontario College Athletic Association tennis championships.

Sporting perfect 5-0 records Lorne Demoe netted the men's singles crown while Bonnie Karal and Tracy Morris had their way in the women's doubles division.

Peter Ryslander of the athletic department said, "It's the best showing by far Niagara has ever had in its OCAA history."

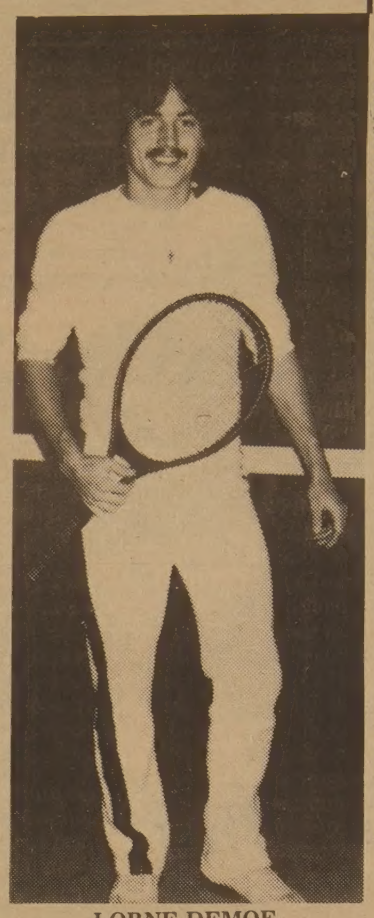
Mark D'Anna and Carol Brown won the silver medal in the mixed doubles class with a 4-1 record, their only defeat coming at the hands of division champion Algonquin College.

The singles round robin tournament featured entrants from 11 colleges. Despite the strike, the tournament was held on Oct. 26 and 27 at the Mohawk College Tennis Club.

The tandem of Bonnie and Tracy found the St. Clair duo to be their toughest competitor. The Niagara girls defeated St. Clair 6-2, 7-6. Added to their thrill of victory was the sweetness of revenge. Tracy said, "St. Clair beat us in the regionals and we beat them in the OCAA championships by the exact same score."

The St. Clair team knowing they would be facing the Niagara " pushovers", boasted that the championship would be theirs. Tracy said this led to their demise. "They were over-confident." Tracy and Bonnie are now sharpening their badminton skills for the upcoming tournaments.

Lorne felt Gord Walton of Algonquin was his most formidable opponent. He defeated Walton handily, 6-2, 6-3.



LORNE DEMOE

Lorne, who no longer studies electronics at Niagara, is the assistant tennis pro and head squash pro at the St. Catharines Tennis Club. Electronics has been put on the back burner, at least for the time being.

"I hope to be teaching tennis for the rest of my life. There's twice as much money in tennis," he said. He still studies electronics at night school.

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SAC VP Chatwin resigns

Brad Chatwin, resigned as SAC vice-president of athletics last week; nominations for his replacement are being accepted at the SAC office.

John Turner, SAC president, said," Brad was forced to leave school due to medical reasons."

Brad was planning to finish this term, until it was extended by the teachers' strike, but cannot wait any longer to have an operation on his back.

There will be a byelection to elect a new vice-president of athletics since Brad had no successor in last year's election. No date has yet been scheduled.

John said nominees must have a 60 per cent minimun grade average and will receive training if elected.

Winter break?

If enough Niagara College students push for a mid-winter break, the Student Administrative Council will give its full support, social convener Jenifer Swiercz said.

SAC will not initiate a movement for students to have a mid-winter break because of poor response to other SAC-organized strike protests, Jenifer said.

Each college administration has the discretion to decide whether students get a mid-winter break, she said.George Brown College in Toronto has given their students a long weekend as a mid-winter break.

To make up class time lost during the strike, Niagara has cancelled the break so that classes can end on May 10.

By September '85:

$519M computer CAD/CAM system

Technology students at Niagara College can look forward to an addition of $519,000 worth of equipment to the labs by September, 1985.

Bill Walker, chairman of the selection committee, said all the new computer equipment will be purchased by March and should begin being phased into programs by the next fall term. The equipment was funded through the board of industrial development.

The project is computer assisted design/computer assisted manufacturing. Using the CAD/CAM system students could model parts while using the computer as well as doing stress analysis on parts. Parts which can be designed on the terminal are practically limitless, Mr. Walker said.

When the final configuration is reached, information is stored in data banks. From this point numerical control experts can see what steps are involved in making parts.

EIGHT TERMINALS

The computer for CAD/CAM has already been selected and is due to arrive at Niagara shortly but the four terminals will be bought in the spring. The computer system can handle up to eight terminals.

As many as 180 students will be affected by the new computer next year, Mr. Walker said. A lot of interest has been shown in the new development which will focus on programs for drafting and design students.

"I think it's exciting to be looking at state of the art equipment while we're in a manufacturing revolution," he said.

His only fear is introducing instructors to the new system.

"The hard part will be finding time for co-ordinators to use it(CAD/CAM) because the students will want to be using it so often."

Exceptional students receive scholarships

There is an award for a student who does well in school and is a credit to the college community. It is a $100 scholarship named for the college president Jacqueline Robarts.

There are several cash awards but many are also plaques, book prizes, and certificates.

Students will be notified in May if they are to receive awards which are presented at Awards Night after Convocation.

Students who have done exceptionally well in school have a chance to receive one of more than 100 awards and bursaries.

The largest amount of money awarded is a $350 bursary offered by Bell Canada to a student enteri ng a third year program based on scholastic ability and need for financial assistance. The award is credited to the next year's tuition fees.

Welland Vale Xmas party

The Student Senate at Welland Vale will hold its eighth annual Christmas party for the children of staff and students on Dec. 16.

Morris Bosey, Student Senate adviser, said the senate is spending about $1,500 on the Christmas party that will feature none other than Santa Claus himself.

Mr. Bosey said the senate will provide drinks and treats for the 150 children expected to attend.

There will be clowns, films and Christmas carolling, but the highlight of the party will be Santa giving out gifts to the children.

The party will be in the Welland Vale cafeteria and is expected to draw close to 300 people.

Niagara College teacher was 'streetwise' bag lady

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

Wearing old and out-dated clothes, and with her usually short hair long and stringy, a Niagara College teacher learned first-hand what the life of a bag lady in Toronto was like.

Since then Marie Mills has become more aware of street people and their plight.

"There was an awful feeling of depression, being isolated and cut off from everyone."

Mrs. Mills,an instructor with the Basic Job Readiness Training program in St. Catharines, spent a weekend in Toronto in October experiencing the life of a bag lady as part of a Canadian Urban Training program.

She attended a two-week action training course from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2 and spent the weekend in a shelter for homeless women, one of more than 20 in Toronto. The weekend on the streets was called "the plunge."

"The plunge was part of the course to experience first-hand what it was like to be out on the streets, to be a person in need; these are the people whom workers in social action are going to serve. To experience this, you can understand the whole situation better and the system better."

In the shelters, there was safety, "but a loss of privacy, like being in jail."

The women in the shelter were both young and old, many had psychological problems and a few were ex-psychiactric patients, Mrs. Mills said.

Alienation

Walking around in downtown Toronto with no money and socially unacceptable clothes, Mrs. Mills could only relate to bag people. There was a feeling of alienation from home and family, and a feeling exaggerated by her awareness that she was missing her son's and granddaughter's birthdays.

The shelters were clean and certain rules had to be followed, including chores before breakfast, and a midnight curfew. Before being allowed in for a night, the woman must shower, and is given clean and warm clothes. After leaving the shelter for the day, she is not allowed to return until after 4:30 p.m. A maximum length of stay is two weeks.

The weather when Mrs. Mills took the plunge was warm. She started at 3 p.m. on Friday and the story she told to the worker at the shelter was that she was separated from her husband in Fort Erie and had been staying with a friend in Toronto, while she looked for a job. The need for privacy was why she came to the shelter.

The shelter allowed her in and as she left on the Saturday morning, she realized she had left her $5 in the shelter. With 60 cents, she was panhandled for a quarter. Arriving back at the shelter she realized bag people walked slowly all of the time because they walked all day and had nowhere to go.

"The people in the shelters weren't interested in others' problems and wanted to be left alone," Mrs. Mills said. It was good being able to sit at the Eat Centre, but I was too scared to go to one of the better hotels to relax.

Nine other people shared her room at the shelter, and the health of the people concerned Mrs. Mills. "There was coughing all night and many people had colds."

When the weather turned cold on Sunday, Mrs. Mills decided to end the experiment in case someone in need of a bed would be left without one.

"The feeling of going home left me with a pang of sorrow, knowing that these people were still there and that nothing had changed for them."

Deception helps

Mrs. Mills was one of four people to undertake the course, but illness forced one to withdraw. "Marie, a girl from Crystal Beach, spent the time in the same shelter as myself. We had some concern about deceiving the people and taking things that we didn't need, but the benefits that we gained would help."

Other than Woman's Place for battered women, there is no shelter for women in the Niagara area. Men are allowed in at the Salvation Army but even that isn't enough, she said.

There is a need for shelters of this sort in the Niagara area. "Sometimes the funding for Basic Job Readiness Training takes five weeks and a person needs a permanent residence to collect welfare to tide them over. Without some sort of shelter, many people don't complete the course because of the lack of funds."

The whole experience has given new awareness of bag people and a hope that she can help correct the problem in society.

"I felt like an outcast in society. I wasn't interested in anything going on around me. I seemed to fit into the role," she said. "There was a wedding in downtown Toronto and I didn't want to look at it — there was something about anything that reflected the whole image of home and family but you were alienated from that, so you didn't want to be a part of it."

For her, it was only one weekend.

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EDITORIALS

Keep reading week

On Nov. 13, Education Minister Bette Stephenson introduced legislation to force teachers from Ontario's 22 community colleges back to work. The government move will enable students to finish out the schol year.

Niagara College has decided to make up the lost time by shortening the Christmas holidays by two days, removing the February reading week and extending the school year by two weeks in May.

The loss of two days at Christmas should have little effect on students at the college.

Although the addition of two weeks in May will be an inconvenience, it is necessary in order to make up the year. The loss of these two weeks will put students at a disadvantage compared to university students when looking for summer jobs. Students will have to begin looking for jobs during the last two weeks or ask employers to allow them to begin work once school has finished.

The loss of the reading week is the biggest problem and is needed by students. The reading week gives an opportunity to study for any mid-terms or catch up on work.

Some students have made arrangements for trips south or to other destinations. Will it be possible for them to get back deposits from travel agencies? If not, are students supposed to suffer the loss of something which they have no control over?

Although these seem like isolated incidents, the number of students affected will increase if other schools in the province are catching up in the same manner.

Instead of the winter break being taken away, how about adding the week to the end of the year as well? Two weeks have already been added and one more will not hurt students all that much.

This might not be the best solution but the students should at least be allowed a say in how the lost time will be made up.

MARK LEWIS

Why the loser?

The recent move concerning the president's position in our Student Administrative Council (SAC) certainly raises some questions.

The problem arose when Charlie Porcelli resigned as president and the vacant seat was given to John Turner, the loser of the last election. It isn't right that the loser is now leading our SAC.

In a recent letter to the editor, a student voiced her concerns over the internal shuffle and said the solution is to dissolve SAC and hold new elections. This is not the answer.

The problem is the SAC constitution. Apparently it allows for the loser of the previous election to take over the president's seat in the event of a vacancy if the vice-president refuses to do so.

The answer is to revise the constitution to allow for a chain of command within the party to handle the problem of vacancies in important positions, such as the president's.

Why is the loser of the election now leading our SAC? Why weren't the other members given the opportunity to occupy the president's seat?

SAC is supposed to be a role model government, but the recent internal move and the way the constitution handled it leaves something to be desired.

Doug Graham

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A question of what's fair?

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

The teachers' strike is over, my bank account is lower, and a few questions remain.

What exactly do the teachers consider a fair workload? A union-management committee study showed that college teachers spent an average of 18.9 hours in class per week, and worked a total of 37.97 hours including class preparation and evaluation. For this, some senior teachers earn $40,000 for a 34-week teaching year.

If I had a job that gave me the summer off, paid me $40,000 a year, and saw me work only 37.97 hours a week, I'd be deliriously happy. Instead I had to work this summer for 42.5 hours a week at $6.50 an hour.

The teachers' strike cost me 12 hours and $90 in train travel. I tried to convince my landlord that because the teachers' were on strike, I shouldn't have to pay the $180 owed for three weeks rent, but to no avail.

I also tried to convince myself that the teachers and the Board of Regents didn't fail the art of diplomacy, but I could find very little sympathy in my heart.

Is bad education the future?

By JIM DOMINEY
Staff Writer

As students return to their normal daily grind, thoughts of the recent strike and its consequences are fading. The protests have stopped when they are needed most.

As many do not seem to realize, the strike was to serve the interests of the students. It was no simple disagreement, as many strikes are, with teachers wanting more money. A five per cent wage increase was agreed upon before the strike began. Instead it was a fight against a government system that is proving it doesn't wish to provide the best education for the future of Canada, the students.

An 1981 task force established by the minister of colleges and universities found that the demand for college services was increasing but the resources to support these services were decreasing to such an extent that some necessary services may be lost. The report emphasized that the government's commitment to budgeting may force the colleges to decrease enrolment and adversely affect Ontario's economy.

In Niagara College's own case, according to a college statistical analysis, the past four years have seen a student increase equivalent to 973 full-time students compared to a staff increase of nine. The student-per-teacher ratio has increased 32 per cent.

It is unfortunate that this year's students had to pay part of the price in trying to change the system, but a sacrifice is what we're taught all our lives. From a child told to let his younger brother lick out the pudding bowl to the soldier who pays the ultimate price for his country, sacrifice is a part of life necessary to find improvement.

With the end of the strike, the government can again shove the issue of underfunding into the corner and hide it until people wake up to the real problem again. Supporting the government in forcing the teachers back to work is giving it the go-ahead to continue underfunding our future.

We, the students, have paid a small price with the loss of three weeks' school compared to what the final price could be if nothing is changed: a bad education.

Enthusiam prevails

A spirit of energy and enthusiasm prevails at the Niagara College Theatre Centre these days, despite the forced cancellation of their first production.

"We were right on top of things for The Insect Play," Valerie Grabove, acting theatre co-ordinator, said. The play was scheduled to open Oct. 23 but the teachers' strike intervened and the play was postponed. Sets are stored in a backstage area, ready for production in February, 1985.

Pinnochio, the first production ofd the revised 1984-85 season, is in rehearsal and opens in two weeks.

The children's fairy tale opens Dec. 6 and will run until Dec. 20. Performances for school children are almost sold out, Ms. Grabove said. Extra performances were arranges and tickets are still available for Dec. 13 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and Dec. 8 and Dec. 16 at 2 p.m.

The Decameron, written by Alexander Hausvater from the works of Boccaccio, was cancelled, but Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde will open as previously scheduled on April 17.

Ticket prices for performances at the Centre are $2.50 for children under 12, $3 for students and senior citizens, $3.50 for adults.

This mother and child could benefit from Niagara College students giving up their lunch money on Friday.

Grim future in Ethiopia includes record famine

By VALERIE SCOTT
STAFF WRITER

About one million in Ethiopia could die this winter — 20 times the number of Canadian lives lost during the six years of World War II.

Famine in Ethiopia is on an unprecedented scale, worse than when 250,000 people starved to death in the Wello province alone in 1973. Since 1980, the situation in Ethiopia has deteriorated rapidly.

About six million Ethiopians — 20 per cent of the population — are severely affected by the drought or civil conflict between local Somali guerrillas and the Ethiopian army. Women and children have suffered the most from lack of food, shelter, clean water and health care.

Ethiopia has 14 million children between the ages of one and 14 . More than 25 per cent of the children will die before their fifth birthday. The drought is so severe that half of the nation's cattle have died. One-third of the population live in the most remote areas, accessible only by donkey, camel or air. Their existence is vulnerable.

The Canadian Save the Children Fund (Cansave) is a national, non-government development agency which seeks to help develop the environment of children, parents and communities.

Cansave's goal is to help improve the living conditions of children. The organization believes ignorance, poverty, hunger and disease are interrelated and should be tackled through long-term development work. Cansave tries to alleviate the root problems that block the Ethiopians' ability to "help themselves" and provide for their own children.

"You cannot help people to help themselves when they cannot feed themselves. Our first task is to reduce the appalling death rate," Gordon S. Ramsay, the national director of Cansave, said at a press conference. Short-term, help is needed to provide food, shelter and medical care.

Cansave has pledged to help the British Save the Children Fund which has already established field teams in Ethiopia. Because the British have been in Ethiopia since 1973, Cansave "will not waste time" by duplicating relief efforts, but will achieve more by speeding up relief work already in progress.

The British fund has teams in the most critically affected areas such as Korem, Alamata, Haik and Dese. The relief teams are made up of field directors, medical officers, and nutritionists, including both British and Ethiopian people who have received intensive training in this type of work. At Korem alone, there is a camp with more than 40,000 drought victims so weakened that 80 to 100 people die daily.

Cansave "will not be spending a penny of Canadian donations" for the Ethiopian Action Plan on its own administrative cost. It will regularly be sending funds, not through the government, but directly to the British Save the Children Fund who will have the lowest possible cost of administration — about five per cent.

Canada has been one of the most generous countries in providing food aid to Ethiopia. To keep a family from starving,$25 will provide two containers of sorghum (type of grass cultivated for grain) a day for a month. To feed 1,800 people for a day, $227 will buy and deliver one metric tonne of wheat.

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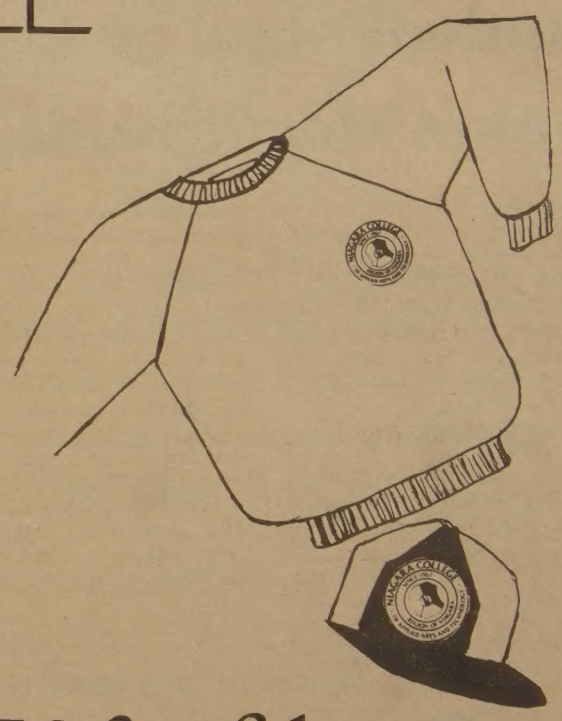

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A Mayan corbelled arch, built by students of the elective, Mysteries of the Mayas, a month ago, rests out behind the Simcoe building.

Mayan architecture brought back to life

A Mayan corbelled arch, a type of architecture not seen in a few centuries, was raised behind the Simcoe building about a month ago.

The arch was the project of about 20 students of the elective, Mysteries of the Mayas, taught by the political science instructor Eugene Maltais, to show the basics of Mayan architecture.

The five-foot high arch was built of limestone donated by Walker Brothers Quarries of Thorold. It was built in less than an hour by Mr. Maltais and a few of the students, urged on by the rest of the class.

USED BY MAYAS

The corbelled arch was the basic support used by the Mayan Indians of Mexico. Also known as the cantilever arch, it was constructed by using overlapping stones forming an inverted V shape, and when only a small space was left at the top it was covered over with flat flag stones.

Mr. Maltais said the object of the class building the arch was to show how intelligent the ancient Mayas were despite their ignorance of the principle of the true arch. "It was to demonstrate the fact that what looked very easy was very, very difficult," he said.

It shows the Mayas put a lot of work into the stones before they even put them in place, Mr. Maltais said.

Student's bad luck makes him nervous

When they say that bad luck comes in threes, Dave Girdwood, 19, a third-year data processing student, gets nervous.

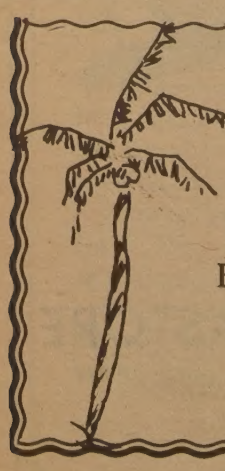
One Monday night, Mr. Girdwood went into work and found the restaurant was closing down and he had only two weeks left to work.

Mr. Girdwood and a few of his fellow workers decided to drown their sorrows at a Niagara College pub night held at the Library, a Niagara Falls, N.Y., bar. After being there for about two hours, Mr. Girdwood noticed his wallet was missing.

Searching the place with his fellow workers proved fruitless, and Mr. Girdwood resigned himself to the fact he may have been a victim of a pickpocket. The wallet contained $200 from a cheque he cashed that evening, but more importantly all his personal identification had been lost.

"When I first noticed it was gone, I said where else can it be," Mr. Girdwood said.

"My friends were more upset than I was, so I told them to forget about it, and that we should have a good time anyway."



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Programs help troubled employees

By THOMAS STOCKWELL
Staff Writer

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"An organization cannot afford to be without an Employee Assistance Program today," Wayne Corneil, national adviser to the federal government on Canada's EAP, told a Fall Forum on Employees Assistance Program.

The forum, a joint venture of the Niagara College Labor Studies and continuing education programs and the Niagara Employee Assistance Program Council, drew 135 people to the St. Catharines Public Library in September.

The workshop was held to discuss changes and new methods involved in dealing with troubled employees.

"Eighty-five percent of the 8,000 federal employees treated by referrals of the EAP last year are leading satisfactory lives today," Mr. Corneil, the keynote speaker, said.

CANNOT DISCRIMINATE

He also stressed that the Human Rights Code prevents discrimination based on any disability, which now includes alcohol and drug addictions.

Referring to anonymity and the confidentiality of employee problems, Mr. Corneil said that in the past, the job application form was used "as a screening technique."

Karen Ferrucio, director of Addiction Research Foundation and a memeber of the Niagara EAP planning council, said, "We are lucky to get speakers of such quality, but it is because the speakers believe in EAPs."

Bernie Boyle, director of the provincial employee recovery program resource centre, spoke on joint labor/management approach to EAPs. The stress factor and troubled employee workshop was conducted by Heather Lee Kilty, manager of staff development at Greater Niagara Hospital.

Dr. Clyde Lansdell addressed the topic of confrontation of the troubled employee. Dr. Lansdell is the chief psychologist at Bethesda Home Clinic in Beamsville.

GREAT SUCCESS

Sheri Rosen, co-ordinator of the Labor Studies program at Niagara College, is one of the six members of the Niagara EAP planning council who spent six months planning the forum. "On a scale of one to 10, I would rate the forum at 9 3/4."

The Niagara Council consists of 60 members from area EAPs and is totally funded by memberships and donations.

Mr. Corneil spoke of the growth of EAP programs in Canada. "In 1975 at the national EAP conference, there were 80 representatives but in 1983, at a time of cutbacks, restraint and economic decline, there were 600 representatives."

"I do this because I get a kick out of it. When someone says 'I talked to you three months ago and you turned my life around,' I get a lot of satisfaction."

WAYNE CORNEIL
National Adviser
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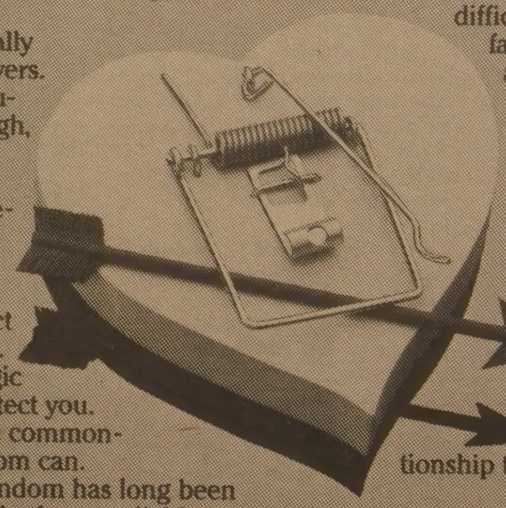

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Raucous humor wrapped in dark, stealthy fog

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

The stage was covered in blackness except for the hard light cast upon the solemn figure of the Chief. Here in this sterile light the Chief explains the sounds of the machine, the psychiatric hospital, the cuckoo's nest.

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, first production of the year of Press Theatre in St. Catharines, had all the qualities of a dark, stealthy fog. One could crawl into the fog, and wrap it around oneself like a security blanket, protected against the injustices and pain of the outside world.

The stage masterfully designed by Niagara Theatre Centre's own Terry Nichols, and constructed by theatre students, perfectly projected the impersonal atmosphere of the hospital.

"We are the psycho ceramics, the crackpots of society," Scanlon, played by Mel Longwell, says to his friends in the hospital lounge. This brand of humor runs rampant throughout the play, helping to somehow ease the tensions the "Big Nurse," nurse Ratchet, played by Moira Wylie, inflicts on them.

The main character, Randle P. McMurphy, played by David Nairn, is a raucous free-wheeling spirit who feigns mental illness to escape the austerity of prison life. The daily routine that so effectively kept the patients subdued and repressed by the Big Nurse is challanged by the radical behavior of McMurphy.

The play centres around the conflict between McMurphy and the Big Nurse, as the patients watch and question their own spineless existence. Throughout the play, the hulking figure of the Chief, brilliantly portrayed by Gary Farmer, sits in mute silence observing the transformation of men to mere shadows of their previous selves.

The supporting cast of patients Martini, played by Ron Gabriel; Harding, played by Hank Stinson; Cheswick, played by Doug Tagney; Ruckly, played by Wally Michaels; and Billy Bibbit, played by James Haworth, collectively represents the lack of conviction that men take in controlling their destinies. A certain bond exists among the men that allows them comfort in the face of self pity.

Murphy's constant rebellion pushes Big Nurse over the edge, and she quickly subdues him with a frontal lobotomy. This silencing of the opposition, this cutting out of the cancer she feared would spread, is but another restrictive power that she wields with cold calculated design.

The real hero of the story is the Chief who finally becomes "big enough" to free himself by the symbolic action of ripping the control box from the wall. No longer will the drone of the machine fill his head or haunt his dreams.

At Pub

Eye Eye must face reality

By KEN GOUDSWAARD
Staff Writer

The Niagara College pub featuring Q107 homegrown winners was not the success anticipated. Eye Eye and the band, Bitter Reality, were the two main bands at the Rose Villa in early November.

While Bitter Reality, a band from St. Catharines, was original and provocative in lyrics and stage presence, Eye Eye, recent winners of the Toronto rock station Q107's homegrown talent search, displayed little inventivness and came off looking like a poorly cloned Loverboy.

Eye Eye, together for more than a year, won a 16-track Fostex recorder and a video album deal for winning.The band, based in Toronto, started with an original song filled with classic riffs and licks that previous bands made famous, and soon wore out the attention span of the audience. The band continued with another original tune, then sank into playing cover versions of some of the minor talents in the pop music field.

PLAYED SPORADICALLY

Eye Eye said that they played sporadically, and judging by the way they played, one wonders if it isn't sporadic enough. This pandering to the AM music set was not appreciated by many students, which was evident in their early departure.

The bright spot in what was a rather dismal evening was Bitter Reality. The band has been together for more than three years with many different lineups. The band started doing strictly punk tunes, but the years have seen it refine its songs without giving up the spontaneous nature so inherent and crucial to its sound.

TIGHT SET

Fronted by lead singer Rick Reality, the band played a tight set of original music that included its new single, White Man in Babylon. Bitter Reality has an EP in the works, and hope to have it out by summer. The band says it has a lot of trouble finding places to play because of the reluctancy of many to take a chance on groups that play their own songs.

Jerry's Alley, a St. Catharines bar, seems to be the exception to the rule. Jerry's Alley seems to be a breeding ground for local bands, and has spawned many innovative and radical groups.

Bitter Reality calls its music "psychedelic thinking songs", and takes the raw sounds of punk past and modernizes it. Asked about the band's future, Rick Reality said, "We've been paying our dues for three years and we're not complaining."

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'Round and around

Pickets were evident at all Niagara College campuses during the teachers' strike. Instructors, such as these on Woodlawn Road at the main campus, were legislated back to work on Nov. 9.
Photo by John Perkins

Artist captures nature's freedom and vitality

By TAMMY DOLLAR
Staff Writer

With brilliance behind each stroke of his brush, and a beautiful sense of color, Edwin Matthews captures the freedom and vitality of nature in its finest hour.

While his paintings display the splendor of Ontario landscape in al its seasons, they allow the viewer to be drawn into each scene setting a mood for an individual experience.

Mr. Matthews work, featuring a wide variety of landscapes, was at the Hennepin Hall Art Gallery until last Saturday.

Life seemed to breathe from a still portrait called My Friend Dick. With his hair blowing in the wind the old man had a soft, amusing expression on his face while kindness lingered in his eyes emphasizing the loving care and personality Mr. Matthews put into the painting.

Each new painting revealed more about the artist and the pride he put into his work.

COLORS OVERPOWER

The Maple Trail is one of the finest landscapes on display. Its flaming colors and sweeping tree branches overpower yet add to the loneliness of the winding trail.

Mr. Matthews' home and studio on Buckhorn Lake in Kawartha Country close to the Haliburton Highlands provides a perfect setting for him to create his magnificent paintings.

Mr. Matthews once said there weren't enough hours in a day for him, too many sketches were waiting to be transferred onto canvas or watercolor paper.

Mr. Matthews, the originator of the Buckhorn Wildlife Art Festival, enjoys promoting aspiring young artists. He also enjoys teaching art and gets a great thrill from seing students who have never held a brush before portray a scene that they can hardly believe they did.

New Equipment

Science fiction comes to life

By DAVE SMITH
Staff Writer

A new course, numerical control machining, that teaches automated techniques for the production of machine parts in which the controlling element is a computer — not a person — is being offered this year at Welland Vale.

Douglas Campbell, chairman, Resource Centre for Skill Development, said computer-operated machines can handle a job better than a human operator, especially in the area of tolerances. "It can add a consistency which only a computer operator can bring."

VERY EXPENSIVE

The 40-week course, which Mr. Campbell describes as "very expensive", consists of about one-third practical work to establish ability and an appreciation for the machines; the rest of the time the 20 students learn how to program the computers.

The machinery is all "state of the art," Mr. Campbell said. It is supplied by Numerdex, an Illinois-based company. Some of the equipment is "like science fiction come true." The wire electric discharge machine (EDM) can cut through metal without a tool ever touching it. Numerdex provides the visual display terminals, tape punch readers, plotters and word printers as well as all the system software.

The course funded by the government, will train badly needed operator/programers for machine tool industries. A 1980 survey of Niagara Regional businesses showed there was a lack of well-trained, highly specialized workers in the industry. Mr. Campbell said Niagara College perceived the time was right for a course about a year ago although he said there were vague general plans in the works about four years ago.

"After a certain trend has become identified and makes a notable impact, the pressure is on to train people."

NOT NEW

Mr. Campbell said the idea of marrying the computer to the machine is not new and some of the technology has its roots in the 1960s. As the years passed the machines got better and man had to do less and less.

"Man has always been interested in doing things with as little labor as possible," he said.

Computer-controlled machinery eliminates the human factor, Mr. Campbell said. It does away with mundane, boring jobs and leaves the repetitious things to the computer. This allows for the creation of an environment where people can be as creative as possible.

Graduates of this course have a promising future, he said. The number of businesses and industries to employ computer-controlled machinery is growing.

"It's hard to even spell out the limits of the opportunities that these computer people have."

Computers are here to stay and there is almost no limit to the degrees of simplification and the complexity of tasks which they can accomplish, Mr. Campbell said.

Students didn't care: SAC

The student Aministrative Council was disappointed with Niagara College students' participation during the teachers' strike.

Susan Maracle, vice-president of external affairs, said students did not seem too concerned about the strike until it entered its third week. "Most students thought of it as a holiday," she said.

Several students called the SAC hotline to say they would not be returning,but few students called to offer suggestions.

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SPORTS

This was a familiar sight on Nov. 17 when the Knights trounced State University of New York at Binghamton 15-0. SUNY goalies Joe GernaVelli , hidden behind Niagara forward Craig Smith (24) and Todd Spellman were pelted with 66 shots in a game dominated by Niagara. With the win, Niagara moved its record to three wins and one loss for a share of first place.
Photo by Rob Yedinak

Knights win 15—0

By ROB YEDINAK
Staff Writer

With a 15-0 lopsided win over the State University of New York at Binghamton, N.Y., played Nov. 17 in Welland, the Niagara Knights hockey team moved into a first place tie with Buffalo State and St. Bonaventure.

The Knights scored two goals in each of the first two periods before blowing it open in the third with 11 goals. "You can't pull the reins on them," said coach Fred Bassi. "They came into their own in the last period." He hopes they can play like this against Erie Community College when they play in Welland on Nov. 30.

Coach Bassi said after putting only four goals behind Joe GernaVelli of SUNY in the first two periods, he didn't expect so many in the third. Though SUNY let the Knights skate freely during most of the game he agreed the score could have been worse. "Their goalie played well," Bassi said.

Though the score was close for two periods, it was no indication of the play. Niagara showed strong forechecking at every opportunity and made the Binghamton defence cough up the puck for several good scoring chances. On defence the Knights looked strong. When Binghamton was able to penetrate the zone, Niagara's defence moved on them quickly and cleared the puck out smoothly most of the game.

PUT GAME AWAY

The third period saw Niagara put the game away. At every chance the Knights went for the net and of 28 third period shots managed to put 11 in the net. SUNY's goaltending was superb. throughout the game but the defence gave Niagara no problem. Several times the Knights' players skated right in front of GernaVelli for a good shot on net. Niagara's ability to skate freely in Binghamton's zone cost many goals.

Since penalties have been a problem for the Knights through the first four games, 49 minutes and five powerplay goals against in a 6-2 loss to Buffalo State, Bassi said no dumb penalties helped in the win.

Because Niagara outskated SUNY and didn't have to hit as much as usual, penalties were kept at only 14 minutes, compared to 12 for Binghamton.

While Kevin Williams stopped 12 shots, only one in the second period, for the shutout, Niagara shelled GernaVelli and Todd Spellman with 66 shots.

Craig Smith, Gary Kukoly, Chris Barry and Mike Wagner helped Niagara break into the 4-0 lead before the third period embarrassment. In the third Chris Barry had three, Craig Smith, Mike Wagner and Todd Sneider had two each while Dennis Iamarino and Rick Alt registered one each to give Niagara their third victory of the season.

STILL A CHANCE

Coach Bassi said with an overall stronger defence and more unity than last season the Knights still have a chance to win first place because of home games left with Buffalo State and St. Bonaventure.

Basketball team wins despite second half

Niagara College Knights men's basketball team used a strong first half en route to a 77-74 victory over the visiting Seneca Braves on Nov. 15.

Niagara played a strong first half, opening a 17-point lead, leading 48-31 at its conclusion.

"We played reasonably well in the first half but looked terrible in the second," Niagara coach Paul Deeton said. "we assumed the game was over at the half and started taking the game for granted."

The fast-paced first half began as a close affair with the Knights leading by four, 16-12, with about 11 minutes left.

TOOK CONTROL

The Knights began taking control of the game, outscoring the Braves 12-4 in a four-minute span taking a 28-16 lead.

The final seven minutes belonged to the Knights as they stretched their lead to 17 points by the end of the half.

Looking like a completely different team in the second half, the Braves played aggressively and outscored the home team 16-6 in the first 4½ minutes. The Braves continued to whittle away at the Knights' lead and with 10 minutes left the Niagara lead was cut to six, 56-50.

"We played a very sloppy second half and let Seneca back in the game," coach Deeton said.

DOWN TO FOUR

With about eight minutes left the Niagara lead was down to four, 64-60, as Seneca continued to narrow the Knight's lead. The Knights were able to regain an eight-point lead with five minutes left and Seneca never recovered.

The closest Seneca would come would be to narrow the margin to two, 74-72, with 1:14 left. Niagara secured the victory when Don Campbell and Perry Orosz each sank one of two free throws in the final 10 seconds.

Campbell led Niagara in scoring with 17 points. Mark Ford had 12 points with Orosz adding 11.

Ron Pegels led all scorers in the game with 26 points for Seneca with Calvin Charles hitting for 17.

The win lifted Niagara's season record to 4-1 while Seneca's fell to 0-1.

Hort Trip to N.Y.

Thiry-eight Niagara horticulture students enjoyed a trip to New York City and the eastern seaboard earlier this month.

The students, accompanied by two instructors, left Oct. 1 and returned Oct. 5. It was the division's 10th annual trip.

Among the highlights were visits to the New York Botanical Gardens, Longwood Gardens, Princeton Nurseries and Independence National Park.

Tony Scrignano, 20, a second-year student, said the highlight of the trip was Longwood Gardens, one of the finest botanical gardens in the United States,

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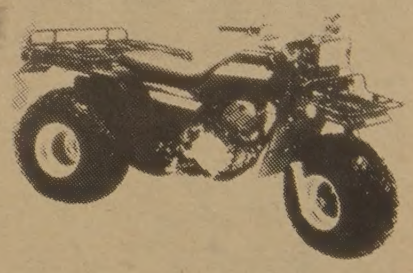

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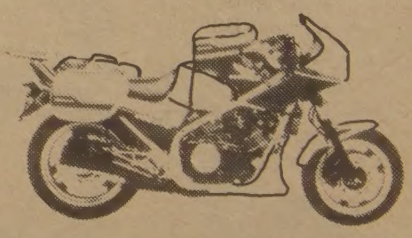

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SPORTS

Knights hockey team tied for first place

With three wins against one loss, the Niagara Knights hockey team owns a share of first place with Buffalo State and St. Bonaventure after routing the State University of New York at Binghamton on Nov. 17.

Because of the strike by the teachers at Ontario's 22 community colleges, the Knights started their season a week later than scheduled. Instead of opening against St. John Fisher University on Nov. 3, the Knights opened their season on the road in Cortland, N.Y., against Ithaca College.

Though the college was quiet during the strike, the hockey team did meet for practices and meetings.

Coach Fred Bassi, unable to take part in the team, met with the players to keep them informed of any progress in negotiations but let the squad practise without him. Instead, assistant coach Cam Wilson and trainer Peppi Dipasquale handled the team in preparation for the season.

The Knights managed to finish the road trip with a winning record of two wins and a loss. Opening the night back to work legislation was passed, Niagara pounded Ithaca 11-2 before taking their first game with the State University of New York 8-4.

Niagara's only loss came to Buffalo State in their Cheektowaga,N.Y. rink by a count of 6-2. Coach Bassi said his team should come back and beat Buffalo State when they play in Welland because he feels Buffalo State won't play with as much confidence as they did at home. Niagara also ran into penalty trouble in Cheektowaga collecting 49 minutes, 29 in the third period.

With better defence and more unity, Mr.Bassi feels this team could be better than last year's but he will wait until they play Erie Community College on Nov. 30 to get a better indication of how good the team is.

Knights win

Although the college campus was quiet during the strike, the Niagara Knights men's basketball team made quite a noise on the court.

The team strode through the Mohawk tournamennt, held Nov. 9 - 10 in Hamilton, and took the championship on overall points over Mohawk College, both finishing with two wins and a loss. Niagara then won their first two games after the tourney to climb into second at 4-1 in the regular season as of Nov. 15.

Niagara's only loss came against Fanshawe College, 63-58, a game played on the same day that they dropped Mohawk 64-36. Coach Paul Deeton said the Knights were a little tired but managed to take the game to the last minute before losing out. If the team had been fresher, Niagara might have won but he made no excuses and admitted that Fanshawe played well.

Against Mohawk, Niagara started off terribly but came back for a strong second half. Coach Deeton said, "We couldn't do anything right," but "blew them out in the second half." Mohawk opened up a 16-4 lead on Niagara, scoring 21 first-half points, but managed only 15 in the second half.

Coach Deeton said though the team pulled out its first game against Centennial College with a good 15-foot baseline shot with two seconds to go, Niagara didn't play well. The Knights were down most of the way but Bill Jackson, who led the team with 12 points against Centennial, managed to get the shot away off a play that wasn't designed.

Curling rocks

College curling teams from all over Ontario, including Niagara, will enter the Seneca College Bonspiel 1984 Dec. 2 and 3. Niagara will enter one men's and two mixed teams.

Team manager Bob Young said the Scarborough tournament will be good competitively and provide Niagara College with an opportunity to "see what the other colleges have got and size them up." Fourteen or 15 colleges will be represented in the bonspiel.

Niagara's squad consists of 12 men and five women. Mr. Young said it is unfortunate that there are not more women on the team. Seven should be the minimum. Women interested in joining the team should contact Mr. Young in the business department. Experience is not necessary.

The Senecaspiel tournament will have four games. Three matches will be played to determine the team's position. The first place team will play the second place team, the third place team will face the fourth and so on.

Tennis champs

Tracy Morris, left, and Bonnie Karal, right, are all smiles after capturing the women's doubles championship at the recent OCAA tennis tournament. They upset rival St. Clair en route to victory. **Photo by John Perkins**

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Joanne Freeman, left, looks over paper with Bessie Dwyer of St. Catharines. Mrs. Dwyer, 91, has been a volunteer for all 40 years of the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.
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Jazz band has fun and funky swing

One of the biggest problems the Niagara College Jazz Band encounters is the negative reaction to its name. People do not expect it to be a serious band. If the name Niagara Jazz Band, brings thoughts of a group of novices attempting to play jazz, think again.

The Niagara College Jazz Band will play three times for the Niagara Symphony Association this season.

On Nov. 17 the band played the first of this season's performances for the Niagara Symphony Association and was well received. It played a variety of jazz pieces and played them well.

Laura Thomas, the band's director, was informative prior to each of the selections giving historical background, saying who wrote it and why.

It was a concert enjoyable to those who know a lot about jazz and those who know just a little.

The next performance is on Jan. 26. Guido Basso, who plays with the Boss Brass will be the featured soloist.

The final show of the series will be Big Band Past and Present on Mar. 2.

To get the $5 admission tickets students may call the Niagara Symphony Association.

Ms. Thomas would like to increase the band's following within the college. "I urge people to take a chance and just come to hear the band one night and see we do nostalgia swing tunes, more modern swing, a little funk and a little rock. Big bands today are more versatile than people realize. I'm sure if they come out and hear us once, they'll come agian."

Public interest in the band is growing. "Jazz still scares some people," Ms. Thomas said. "People think this kind of music is too old for them. It's a myth."

Anyone interested in joining the NIagara College Jazz Band may call Laura Thomas at 563-8068 or come to TV studio one at the Welland Campus at 7 p.m. on a Monday night for an audition. There are 17 members in the band but they often move and "I have to dig up someone to fill that chair," Ms. Thomas said.

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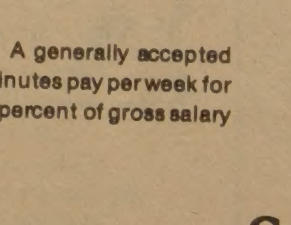

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Third World countries given hope for survival

By CAROL ROBINSON
Staff Writer

The people of six Third World countries have been given hope and a chance to learn to earn by working together on a small scale for future survival, thanks to the encouragement and funding supplied by the Unitarian Service Committee of Canada.

Jo Anne Freeman, project coordinator for the committee, presented a film and spoke on the aid given to people of Bangladesh at Welland campus Nov. 14.

The film demonstrated how the USC is helping people to irrigate land, grow their own food and sell goods at the market-place.

"Group assistance gives political strength," Mrs. Freeman said. Over population is a problem in many of these countries and half the children die before age five.

"Birthrates always go down when the standard of living goes up," Mrs. Freeman said.

These people are being educated in a family planning program teaching good hygiene, giving access to jobs, and offering government loans for training in farming or small business to aid in self reliance.

GIVEN HELP

When people of a small village have a plan to improve their community, they are encouraged to help each other achieve goals of their own choosing. They are given USC assistance to bring the plan into reality.

Everyone including women and children works with others in the community, and are monitored once a month by an appointee of the village, who checks each family's budget and provides assistance.

Funds are urgently needed for programs now in progress.

Mrs. Freeman has been working for 15 years on behalf of the USC, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), and the Save the Children Organization.

The USC contributes to similar programs in Indonesia, Nepal, Swaziland, Lesotho and Botswana.

FIRST IN 1945

The USC was founded by Dr. Lotta Hitschmanova in 1945. She was the executive director until her retirement in 1979, after being named to the Order of Canada, and receiving numerous awards and medals including the Governor General's Award.

"The people here have the ability to cope, and what is happening in Ethiopia would never happen here," Mrs. Freeman said. Children are being educated to learn to care for themselves and the future of their country.

Bangladesh, with a population of 95 million people is bordered by India and Burma and the capital city is Dacca. There are more than 1,300 people for every square mile of land. Most of the population are of the Moslem faith.

People of these countries are learning how to survive in tomorrow's world today, and have gained self-respect and hope for the future, thanks to the continuing work of the USC, 56 Sparks St., Ottawa.

Santers pub

The Santers band, Q107 FM 1982 Homegrown winners who are riding high on the success of their debut album, Guitar Alley, will be entertaining Niagara College students in the cafeteria Nov. 28 at 8 p.m.

Admission to the pub is $3 in advance, $4 for guests and at the door. Tickets for the pub are available in the Student Administrative Council office between 8:30 a.m and 4:30 p.m. On the day of pubs, tickets will not be available after 4 p.m.

Students will be having a good laugh during the double lunch in the cafeteria Dec. 4 as SAC presents professional comedians as a free treat, Jenifer Swiercz, social convener, said.

During the strike, the SAC Hallowe'en Pub with the CFNY Road Show that was held at the Red Lion Club (now called Aqua-Duck Club) was sold out.

"We had to have the doors locked at 10 p.m. because it was so busy," Jenifer said.

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